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### **Medical Director's Update for Base Station Physicians' Committee February, 2007**

#### **San Diego County EMS:**

**Paradise Valley:** We are awaiting word on new ownership. The Attorney General's decision is extended to February 26, 2007.

**STEMI Update:** The system is functioning well. Patients are being identified and DTB times are excellent for field-identified patients. One concern is over-triage with diversion of patients without STEMI on field EKG. Also, some false positives occurred, especially in low probability cases like syncope. We will have some data for your next meeting.

**Infectious Disease Exposures:** EMS is collecting information on hospital contacts for exposure follow-ups. We also will look at current system for effectiveness.

**Flu season:** Hospital visits for ILI are lower than past years. Influenza isolates fell off last week. Although, see bypass data below.

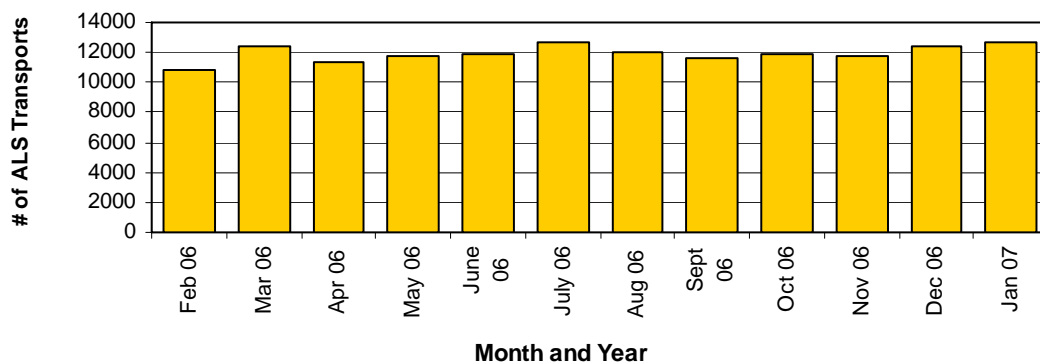
**Capacity Study:** The January hospital capacity report showed 50% of possible data reported. Several hospitals reported higher times holding patients for admission.

**Protocol Revisions:** New changes presented to BSPC today.

**Safety Net:** HHS is convening a health care safety net roundtable and work groups to look at funding, advocacy, South County, and care coordination issues.

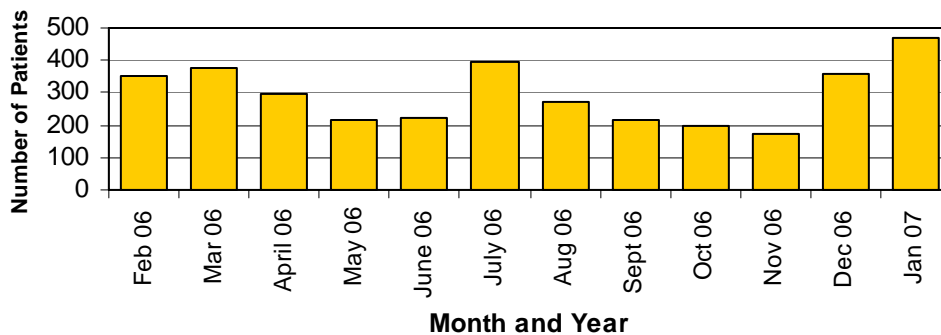
**Below are the patient destination data in graphic form:**

### Number of ALS Transports, County of San Diego, Feb 06 - Jan 07



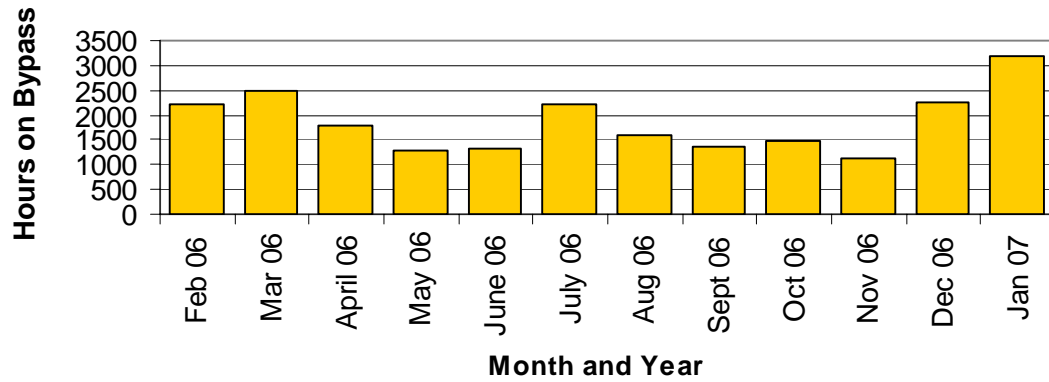
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### Number of Patients who Bypassed the Requested Hospital, County of San Diego, Feb 06 - Jan 07



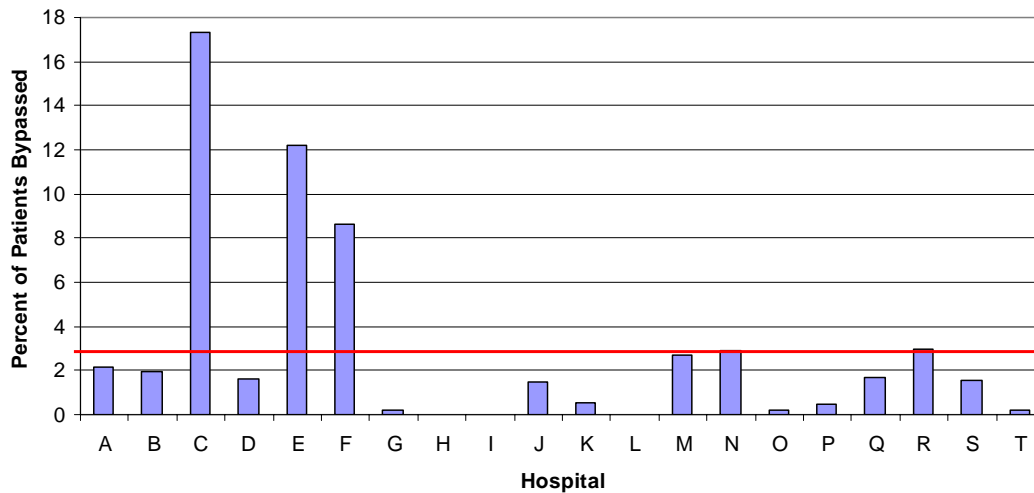
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### Total Hours on Emergency Department Bypass County of San Diego, Feb 06 - Jan 07



Source: County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Division of Emergency Medical Services, MICN Records, Feb 2006 – Jan 2007

### Percent of Patients Bypassed per Hospital, Jan 2007



Note: The red line represents the mean value of percent of patients bypassed per hospital, Jan 2007

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